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SUBJECT: CHINESE COMMUNIST CAPABILITIES FOR ATTACKING INDIA
THROUGH BURMESE TERRITORY

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2	C	7	Delete the 4th sentence.
2-3	D		New paragraph.

D. We believe that the main threat to India and the Himalayan border states would be limited to simultaneous attacks in Ladakh, through the border passes between Ladakh and Nepal, into Nepal, either into northern Assam across Bhutan or into the Siliguri area across Sikkim, and into the Northeast Frontier Agency (NEFA). We believe the maximum Chinese force would be about 175,000 men, consisting of 7 light infantry divisions, 2 standard infantry divisions, and 15 independent infantry regiments.

3 E-d New paragraph.

d. In the east, to occupy NEFA and to disrupt Indian communications with Assam.

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7	6	3	Delete the 3rd sentence.
10	14	1	New First sentence. 14. We believe that in the feasible avenues of attack a maximum force of 175,000 men, consisting of 7 light infantry divisions, 2 standard infantry divisions, 15 independent infantry regiments, and 2 airborne battalions could be employed.
11	14d		New paragraph.
 d. In the East, the effective occupation of the NEFA and the disruption of Indian communications with Assam.			
16	28		New sentences at end of paragraph. We believe these forces could be supported throughout the winter months. The Chinese could not support simultaneously this attack against Gauhati and an attack against Siliguri as described in paragraphs 24-25.
17	32		Delete entire paragraph.

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